



City of Memphis

Alcohol Commission Minutes

August 5, 2015

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- I. Call to Order** – The regularly scheduled meeting of the Memphis Alcohol Commission was called to order by Sergeant-At-Arms Officer Gerald Lake at approximately 9:20 a.m.
- II. Roll Call** – The following Commissioners were present: Billy Post, Barry Chase, Sherman Greer, Wayne West, Johnsie Wallace and Eugene Bryan. Commissioners Jared Johnson, Erma Hayslett, and Africa Gonzalez-McCloy were absent.
- III. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting** – The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed electronically prior to this meeting. *Commissioner Greer moved approval of the minutes of the July 15, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Chase seconded. The motion passed.*
- IV. Special Beer Applicant(s):**
1. Joshua Lovell – 7777 Walnut Grove – “Mid-South Hunting & Fishing Extravaganza”
Date(s): **August 7-9, 2015** – Time: **2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Fri.); 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. (Sat.); 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Sun.)**
Sponsoring Organization: **Expo South**
Purpose of funds: **Profit; 1 booth(s)**
Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws,
Commissioner Greer moved approval. Commissioner Chase seconded. The motion passed.
 2. Jimmy Lovell – The Edge District – “Memphis International Rockabilly Festival”
Date(s): **August 15-16, 2015** – Time: **12:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.**
Sponsoring Organization: **Universal Fairs, LLC**
Purpose of Funds: **Profit; 3 booth(s)**
Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws,
Commissioner Greer moved approval. Commissioner Chase seconded. The motion passed.
 3. Patricia Hanks – 7777 Walnut Grove – “Delta Fair & Music Fest”
Date(s): **September 4-13, 2015** – Time: **(Fri.) 2:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., (Sat.) 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., (Sun) 12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m., (Mon) 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., (Tues-Thurs.) 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**
Sponsoring Organization: **Delta Fair, Inc.**
Purpose of funds: **Profit; 3 booth(s)**
Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws,
Commissioner Greer moved approval. Commissioner Chase seconded. The motion passed.

4. Thomas Stafford – Overton Square – **“Bona Fide Blues Festival”**
Date(s): **October 2-3, 2015** – Time: **(Fri.) 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**
(Sat.) 12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Sponsoring Organization: **Memphis Blues Society**
Purpose of Funds: **Charitable, 5 booth(s)**
Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws,
Commissioner Greer moved approval. Commissioner Chase seconded. The motion passed.
5. Brian Ellsworth – Levitt Shell @Overton Park – **“Moon River Music Festival”**
Date(s): **August 15, 2015** – Time: **12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**
Sponsoring Organization: **Good Time, Inc.**
Purpose of Funds: **Charitable, 1 booth(s)**
Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws,
Commissioner Greer moved approval. Commissioner Chase seconded. The motion passed.
6. Kristen Shelby – 200 Madison – **“Memphis in Me”**
Date(s): **August 20, 2015** – Time: **4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**
Sponsoring Organization: **Visible Music College**
Purpose of Funds: **Charitable, 1 booth(s)**
Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws,
Commissioner Greer moved approval. Commissioner Chase seconded. The motion passed.
7. David Smith – 921 S. Cooper – **“Growler Festival”**
Date(s): **September 19, 2015** – Time: **9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**
Sponsoring Organization: **The Growler of Memphis**
Purpose of Funds: **Profit, 2 booth(s)**
Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws,
Commissioner Greer moved approval. Commissioner Chase seconded. The motion passed.
8. Timothy Redmon – 6761 Winchester – **“Sold Out Saturdays”**
Date(s): **August 6, 2015 – September 5, 2015** – Time: **11:00 a.m. – 3:00 a.m.**
Sundays – 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 a.m.
Sponsoring Organization: **Sold Out Saturdays**
Purpose of Funds: **Profit, 2 booth(s)**
Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws,
Commissioner Greer moved approval. Commissioner Chase seconded. The motion passed

V. Violation(s):

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C-5 & D-4 WITH priors:

9. Aadel A. Alkhafaji – 1499 Ss. Lauderdale – dba – “A & G” - Citation #1753133

Date of Violation: **Monday, May 25, 2015**

Date Permit Approved: 12-21-2011

Prior Violation(s): 03-03-2013 C5; 03-08-2013 D4; 06-25-2014 C5 D4 C4

Officer(s): Stepney #1348, Smith #13152

The owner stipulated to the charges. The location was represented by Attorney Jim Curry.

Commissioner West moved to fine the location \$1,250.00 along with 60 day probation or a 30 day suspension. Commissioner Greer seconded. The motion passed. The owner agreed to the fine and probation.

10. Salem A. Awada – 5260 S. Third – dba – “Z Market” - Citation #127294

Date of Violation: **Tuesday, April 21, 2015**

Date Permit Approved: 07-19-2006

**Prior Violation(s): 07-23-2013 C4 C5 D4 & 12-26-2013 C5 D5 heard together;
06-11-2015 C5 D-4**

Officer(s): Lange #5421

The owner stipulated to the charges. The location was represented by Attorney Milton McGhee. The commission requested clarification of the ordinance as it related to the number of violations and the time frame that require revocation from commission attorney Roane Waring. After considerable discussion, ***Commissioner West moved to revoke the Off Premise Beer Permit. Commissioner Bryan seconded. The chairman requested a voice vote as the voice vote was not definitive. The vote to revoke carried 4 – 1. The motion passed.***

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C-5 WITH priors:

11. Rubina & Bashgal Khan – 5190 Airways – Smart Food & Fuel, LLC - dba –
“Smart Food & Fuel - Citation #780424

Date of Violation: **Saturday, June 6, 2015**

Date Permit Approved: 03-05-2014

Prior Violation(s): 03-11-2014 C4 C5 D4 & 07-25-2014 C-4 heard together

Officer(s): Ward #0502, Payne #6806, Aldridge #0135

The owner stipulated to the charge. ***Commissioner West moved to fine the location \$750.00 along with 60 day probation or a 30 day suspension. Commissioner Bryan seconded. The motion passed.*** The owner agreed to the fine and probation.

12. Mohamed Alkaiffee – 639 E. Shelby – dba – “Shelby Drive BP” – Citation #753192

Date of Violation: **Saturday, June 6, 2015**

Date Permit Approved: 11-05-2008

Prior Violation(s): 03-11-2013 D4

Officer(s): Howard #1682, Smith #8636, Stepney #1348

The owner stipulated to the charge. The location was represented by Attorney Jim Curry.

Commissioner West moved to fine the location \$750.00 along with 60 day probation or a 30 day suspension. Commissioner Greer seconded. The motion passed. The owner agreed to the fine and probation.

13. Abraham Ogbasion/Tekle Abraha – 1682 E. Shelby – Abraham & Abel, Inc. – dba – “Double A Mart” – Citation #773665

Date of Violation: **Saturday, June 6, 2015**

Date Permit Approved: 12-09-2007

Prior Violation(s): 06-13-2013 D4

Officer(s): Howard #1682, Smith #8636, Stepney #1348

The owner stipulated to the charge. The location was represented by Attorney Jim Curry.

Commissioner West moved to fine the location \$750.00 along with 60 day probation or a 30 day suspension. Commissioner Greer seconded. The motion passed. The owner agreed to the fine and probation.

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C-4 WITH priors:

14. Hajera Abdulhafiz – 1672 E. Holmes – Haas, LLC - dba – “Haas Grocery” – Citation #OS-367719

Date of Violation: **Saturday, June 6, 2015**

Date Permit Approved: 11-17-2004

Prior Violation(s): 09-06-2011 C4; 03-11-2013 C4 D4

Officer(s): Ward #0502, Aldridge #0135

Abdulahi Sharif, the manager, had power of attorney and stipulated to the charge.

Commissioner West moved to fine the location \$300.00 along with 60 day probation or a 30 day suspension. Commissioner Greer seconded. The motion passed. Abdulahi Sharif agreed to the fine and probation.

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C-4, C-5, and D-4 NO priors:

15. Dominic Jongdit – 2206 E. Shelby – dba – “Mandela Express Food & Fuel” – Citation #780422
Date of Violation: **Saturday, June 6, 2015**
Date Permit Approved: 08-20-2014
Officer(s): Ward #0502, Aldridge #0135, Payne #6806
The owner stipulated to the charges. *Commissioner West moved to fine the location \$600.00 along with 60 day probation or a 30 day suspension. Commissioner Greer seconded. The motion passed.* The owner agreed to the fine and probation.
16. Sebrina Nigret – 2590 N. Watkins – dba – “Jubilee Express” – Citation OS-367714
Date of Violation: **Friday, June 5, 2015**
Date Permit Approved: 07-21-2010
Officer(s): Ward #0502, Stepney #1348, Galison #1356
Abdi Abdulwahab, the representative, had power of attorney and stipulated to the charges. *Commissioner West moved to fine the location \$600.00 along with 60 day probation or a 30 day suspension. Commissioner Greer seconded. The motion passed.* Abdi Abdulwahab agreed to the fine and probation.

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C-5, D-4 NO priors:

17. Sadek Aldafari – 3223 Ford – dba – “S Mart Market” – Citation #753193
Date of Violation: **Thursday, June 11, 2015**
Date Permit Approved: 12-20-2000
Officer(s): Payne #6806, Smith #8636, Stepney #1348
Commissioner Greer moved to lift indefinite suspension. Commissioner Chase seconded. The owner stipulated to the charges. *Commissioner West moved to fine the location \$500.00 along with 60 day probation or a 30 day suspension. Commissioner Greer seconded. The motion passed.* The owner agreed to the fine and probation.

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C-5 NO priors:

18. Nagi Saleh - 4480 Millbranch – dba – “Shop N Go Market & Deli” – Citation #753100
Date of Violation: **Saturday, June 6, 2015**
Date Permit Approved: 11-21-2012
Officer(s): Howard #1682, Smith #8636, Stepney #1348
The owner stipulated to the charge. The location was represented by Attorney Jim Curry. *Commissioner West moved to fine the location \$500.00 along with 60 day probation or a 30 day suspension. Commissioner Greer seconded. The motion passed.* The owner agreed to the fine and probation.

19. Eyassu Gimikael – 742 S. Parkway – dba – **“In & Out Market”** – Citation #780394
Date of Violation: **Monday, May 25, 2015**
Date Permit Approved: 03-19-2014
Officer(s): Hightower #13143, Ward #0502, Galison #3156
The owner didn’t show for the second time. *Commissioner Greer moved to revoke the beer license. Commissioner Chase seconded. The motion passed.*

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C-4 NO priors:

20. Abdulsamaed Alkabsh – 4907 Airways – dba – **“Airways Express”** –
Citation #OS-367717 & OS-367718
Date of Violation: **Saturday, June 6, 2015**
Date Permit Approved: 07-02-2008
Officer(s): Ward #0502, Aldridge #0135
The City Permits Office didn’t get any confirmation back. On that note, *Commissioner Greer moved to continue this location until the August 19, 2015 Alcohol Commission meeting. Commissioner West seconded. The motion passed.*

VI. The following person(s) has applied to sell beer for “ON” premises consumption:

21. John Cannon & Montel Tidwell – 634 S. Bellevue, Ste. 103-104 – Cannon & Tidwell, Inc. – dba – **“Club MJ”**
Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws,
Commissioner Greer moved approval. Commissioner Chase seconded. The motion passed.
22. Kent Phillips – 177 N. Highland – The Trezevant Episcopal Home – dba – **“Trezevant”**
Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws,
Commissioner Greer moved approval. Commissioner West seconded. The motion passed.
23. David Martin – 110 Monroe – Hospitality Management Advisors, Inc. – dba -
“Residence Inn Memphis Downtown”
Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws,
Commissioner Greer moved approval. Commissioner Chase seconded. The motion passed.
24. Richard Corley – 3445 Poplar, Ste. 1 – Rock’ N Dough Pizza Company, LLC – dba –
“Rock’ N Dough Pizza & Brew Co.”
Applicant asked to be continued until the August 19, 2015 Alcohol Commission meeting.
Commissioner West moved to continue this location until the August 19, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Greer seconded. The motion passed.

25. Anna Blair – 2092 Trimble Place – The Art Project, LLC – dba – **“The Art Project”**
Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws,
Commissioner *Greer moved approval. Commissioner Chase seconded. The motion passed.*
26. Penny Henderson & Debora Boatner – 496 N. Watkins – Mardi Gras Memphis, LLC – dba –
“Mardi Gras Memphis Restaurant”
Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws,
Commissioner *Greer moved approval. Commissioner Chase seconded. The motion passed.*

VII. The following person(s) has applied to sell beer for “OFF” premises consumption:

27. Candy Jin – 2966 Carnes – Corner Grocery & Market, Inc. – dba –
“Corner Grocery & Market, Inc.”
Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws,
Commissioner *Greer moved approval. Commissioner Chase seconded. The motion passed.*
28. Brandi Marter – 327 S. Main – Bedrock Eats & Sweets, LLC - dba – **“Bedrock Market & Cafe”**
Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws,
Commissioner *Greer moved approval. Commissioner Chase seconded. The motion passed.*
29. Dahan Altareb & Mohamed Sharhan – 2231 S. Third – Third St. Hop In, Inc. - dba –
“Third St. Hop In”
Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws,
Commissioner *Greer moved approval. Commissioner Chase seconded. The motion passed.*

VIII. New Business: Aubrey brought up the wine in retail stores matter. He asked the commissioners would they want to be involved in the approval procedures of wine in retail stores. Chairman Post suggested that we let the Permits Office orchestrate the wine in retail stores approvals.

IX. Old Business:

X. Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the commission, Commissioner Greer moved for adjournment at approximately 11:20 a.m. Commissioner West seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Billy Post, Chairman

Date

Aubrey J. Howard, Executive Secretary

Date